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GLOBAL MONITORING REPORT OF WB & IMF
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the Global Monitoring Report of the World Bank (WB) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), India is not likely to achieve most of the targets set in respect of Millennium Development Goals (MDG) by 2015;

(b) if so, the details of the Sectors in which targets are not likely to be achieved;

(c) the response of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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(a) : The Global Monitoring Report, 2008 brought out by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund does not specifically mention that India is not likely to meet targets set in respect of Millennium Development Goals (MDG) by 2015.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) & (d) : The Government has not drawn any separate programme to meet the Millennium Development Goals. However, the Millennium Development Goals are quite similar to the objectives and targets laid down in the Five Year Plans. In fact, some of the targets as specified in the Eleventh Five Year Plan relating to poverty alleviation, infant mortality, maternal mortality, school enrolment, etc. are more ambitious than the ones specified in the Millennium Development Goals. To achieve these, the Eleventh Five Year Plan has set the growth target for the economy at 9% per year for the Plan period (2007-12) and aims at putting the economy on a sustainable growth trajectory with a growth of approximately 10% by the end of its period. The objectives of faster and inclusive growth in the Eleventh Plan are encapsulated in a set of monitorable socio-economic targets in the areas of income and poverty, education, health, women and children issues,infrastructure and environment.The government has been implementing a number of programmes which are essentially related to MDG goals and targets.For alleviating poverty and improving the standard of living of the poor, the major schemes and programmes being implemented include: (a) National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, which provides a legal guarantee of at least 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to every rural household, poor and non-poor, whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work,

(b) Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, a holistic programme covering all aspects of self-employment, such as organization of rural poor into Self Help Groups and their capacity building, training, planning of activity clusters, infrastructure development, financial assistance through bank credit and subsidy and marketing support etc.

(c)Indira Awaas Yojana,which provides assistance for construction of dwelling units and upgradation of existing unserviceable kutcha houses for the rural families living below the poverty line,

(d) Integrated Child Development Services,which seeks to provide an integrated package of health, nutrition and educational services to children up to six years of age, pregnant women and nursing mothers,

(e) Mid-day Meal Scheme, introduced with a view to enhancing enrolment,retention and attendance and simultaneously improving nutritional levels among the children.Swaran Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana provides gainful employment to the urban poor.The Targeted Public Distributi on System provides food grains at reduced prices to the poor. The Antyodaya Anna Yojana provides food grains to the poorest of the poor families at a highly subsidized rate.A number of progr ammes/schemes have been launched by different Central Ministries/Departments for Social Sector development. For health, National Rural Health Mission is being implemented. For education, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is being implemented. For water supply and sanitation, the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme and Total Sanitation Campaign respectively are being implemented. These programmes are being implemented in collaboration with the State Governments.